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## HCC awards childcare grants to professionals

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College has been awarded two grants worth more than \$1 million to continue educating and training early childhood educators and supporting the programs they work for in western Massachusetts.

Both the Career Pathways Grant, for \$680,000, and the Strong Start Training and Technical Assistance Grant, for \$360,000, come from the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care, which licenses public and private childcare programs in the state.

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## Free internet available for remote learning

HOLYOKE – We are excited to partner with Comcast Internet Essentials to sponsor free internet access for the school year for all families who do not currently have internet access.

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## Church holding day of service

HOLYOKE – On Sunday, Sept. 13 St. Peter's Lutheran Church is hosting a "God's Work. Our Hands" day of service. This is an annual event in ELCA churches across the country. The ELCA website states, "This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor."

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## Parks to remain open, some sports able to play

By Shelby Macri  
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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke parks are open to the city as well as the Park and Recreation commission, as they discuss safety regulations with the city's Board of Health. At the Sept. 3 meeting the Parks and Recreation spoke about recreational programs beginning again.

The commission is working with and following the guidance of the local Board of Health and the Director Sean Gonsalves, held a discussion on the State's re-opening plan and recreational programing guidelines. Gonsalves updated the Parks and Recreation Commission on the number of people allowed in city parks at a time, that number being 50 people.

There are also signs posted at the parks that people should abide by social distancing rules, and if they are unable to socially distance themselves, they should wear face masks. Additionally, the sign informs people that they are visiting and attending the park at their own risk. The city parks have been open



Holyoke's park facilities are currently open to the public. The Parks and Recreation continues to work with the health department to monitor activity, like baseball clinics that took place this summer at Mackenzie Field.

Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

to the public since June, and the commission is still working closely with the Board of Health to ensure the safety of those visiting.

The parks offer hand washing stations to further ensure the safety of visitors, and they are working on keeping the parks healthy and clean while operating. At the pre-

vious meeting, maintenance issues were discussed regarding trash in the park. The commission's assistant Director, Maureen Tisdell said that the parks and recreation were having some trash problems before COVID, and they are seeing an influx of trash since opening and are actively working on maintaining it.

The commission is also following State guidelines for all parks and city sports, as the Parks and Recreation is starting up city sports. They're following state guidelines and working with the Board of Health for sport regulations. The commission is working on

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## Wistariahurst to launch fall live virtual program series

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst, in coordination with the Holyoke Community Development Office and the Holyoke Council on Aging will launch a new series of live, online programs on September 16 with the aim to provide a virtual space for

regular, casual, community conversations and learning as social distancing and safer-at-home orders continue into the fall for seniors and other vulnerable residents.

The weekly series will

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The series aims to combat some of the dangers of prolonged social isolation for local seniors and other members of the public.

## Despite coronavirus pandemic, Planning Board full of activity

By Shelby Macri  
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HOLYOKE – The Planning Board held a public meeting on Tuesday Sept. 8 regarding site plan reviews and special permits. Many site plan reviews were connected to the Library Commons Phase two as they are looking at multiple addresses.

Members involved in the Library Commons sites joined the meeting to present and explain their plans. They explained that they are looking at 213-215 Chestnut St. as a rehab site, 344 Appleton St., 188-190 Chestnut St., and 207 Elm St. as apartment units. The apartments would include one-bedroom units as well as two-bedroom apartments. These are planned to be affordable housing units for the community.

Those involved in the Library Commons sites included their contractor in the meeting and he explained that they are planning to make a few changes to some aspects of the buildings. Including fixing or adding front steps to the outside amongst other changes to make the addresses suitable for their unit plan. They presented their four sites during this meeting and plan to be ready for the next Planning board meeting to go into further detail. John Kelley, the newly elected chair, said he looked forward to hearing more from them about the Library Commons Phase two plans. "I think this will be very transformative for the community, and you guys are doing a great job," Kelley said. "This is a very exciting project for the City."

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# New England Craft Pub to be featured at The Log Cabin

HOLYOKE – The New England Craft Pub, which has become a go-to destination along the Avenue of States at The Big E, will be featured at The Log Cabin in Holyoke, Mass., Thursdays to Sundays, starting Sept. 10. Officials from both the Log Cabin and The Big E will be on hand along with a sampling of local craft beers from Commercial Distributing and Quality Beverage.

This Big E favorite will have at least 18 regional beers and ciders on tap, outdoor live entertainment (weather permitting), as well as Big E-inspired foods like the famous Turducken Sandwich, Mick’s Irish Nachos, The Log Cabin’s signature Chicken Pot Pie and the amazing Big E Cream Puffs.

“We heard the disappointment in our

guest’s voices when The Big E was cancelled. We are excited to work with the great team at The Big E to be able to bring a little part of this annual tradition to the local community. It may look a little different but we aim to create the same welcoming joyful environment that patrons of the New England Craft Pub are used to experiencing each year,” Log Cabin owner, Peter Rosskothien, stated.

Gene Cassidy, president and CEO of Eastern States Exposition, said, “We are excited to partner with the Log Cabin, an area landmark with a long history of providing a quality dining experience. Bringing a little bit of The Big E to the region is a welcomed venture and it promises to be a shot in the arm for a local business as well. Putting people

back to work, sustaining businesses and getting the economy going again is of the utmost importance. And doing it while enjoying Big E signature foods is a real plus!”

Indoor and outdoor seating with amazing views will be available, all socially distanced at 10 feet apart, with table service by the great Log Cabin staff. Reservations are strongly encouraged and food purchases are required to be served beer and cider while seated at a table. Reservations can be made at [www.thelogcabin.com](http://www.thelogcabin.com).

The New England Craft Pub at the Log Cabin will be seating guests: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with live entertainment scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays from

noon to 8 p.m., with live entertainment from noon to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 6 p.m., with live entertainment from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The mouth-watering menu, including appetizers, sliders, entrees and desserts, as well as beers, ciders, wine and cocktails, can be found at [www.thelogcabin.com](http://www.thelogcabin.com)

All COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. Guests must wear masks anytime they are not seated at a table enjoying their experience and remain socially distanced from others. Guests will utilize a QR code for the menu, with disposable paper menus available upon request. All entertainment will be outdoors only and the venue will offer table service only.

# ‘Stop the Spread’ COVID-19 testing site opening Aug. 26 at HCC



Holyoke Community College will host free COVID-19 testing for the next two weeks. *File photo*

HOLYOKE – To assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Holyoke in reducing the spread of COVID-19, Holyoke Community College will serve as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site offering free tests to the public.

Tests will be conducted outside HCC’s Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation and administered by Fallon Ambulance in partnership with the Holyoke Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Testing will be available Wednesday, August 26, through September 12, 2020, during the following hours:

Monday 7-11 a.m., Tuesday 2-7 p.m., Wednesday 7-11 a.m., Thursday 2-7 p.m., Friday 7-11 a.m. and Saturday 7-11 a.m.

Testing will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no appointments. There is no cost for the tests and no referral is required.

Signs and HCC and Holyoke city Police officers will direct drivers from Homestead Ave down to M Lot (adjacent the Bartley Center), where in-car tests will be administered. Cars will leave M Lot, pass through N Lot, and exit onto the campus road and out onto Homestead Avenue.

Turnaround time for test results is typically four days or fewer. For more information, please go to: [www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread).

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# Additional testing site offered

HOLYOKE – Beginning this week, Holyoke will be adding a second “Stop the Spread” free COVID testing site. The site will be located in the city parking lot across from the War Memorial Building and next to the McDonalds at 285 Maple Street. This testing site will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is for walk-up testing only. Both the walk-thru and drive-thru sites have been extended to run until Sept. 30. Additional information is below:

- This test site is first come, first serve. There are no appointments. Please do not call the Health Department to make an appointment.
- There is no cost for the testing. You do not need a referral, nor do you need to be symptomatic.
- The test style will be the less invasive swab in the

lower nostril. The older style that required further insertion of the swab will not be used.

- If you have previously tested positive, DPH and CDC guidelines do not recommend getting retested at this time.
- Turnaround time for results is typically 4 days or fewer.
- If you are acutely symptomatic, particularly if you have a high fever, consider scheduling a test with your Primary Care Physician.
- Dogs are prohibited at both the walk-up and drive-thru testing sites.
- Information on all of the Stop the Spread test sites across the State can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

# Opposition to gas pipeline continues after wetland damage

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Multiple citizens are claiming a spill has resulted in wetland damage stemming from the expansion project for the Tennessee Gas Pipeline project in here.

According to Susan Grossberg, an attorney representing Agawam residents, claims that she is protesting the gas company because multiple incidents.

“A multi-community citizens’ group that has fought the building of new gas pipelines in the Columbia Gas “Reliability” Project is protesting two separate events -- a spill and wetland damage -- in the construction of the Agawam section of the project,” Grossberg states. “The first event occurred on Aug. 18 when the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection cited Tennessee Gas for construction trucks driving through a wetland, a fragile vernal pool near Gold Street, and a breeding home to threatened and endangered amphibians. Tennessee Gas has been required to ‘reconstitute the altered surface of Wetland F’ that they damaged, but the group has doubts about the success of such remediation.”

Grossberg then describes an incident that occurred just last Friday.

“On Friday, Sept. 4 in another wetland area, fine particulate bentonite clay mud seeped up from the drilling under Four Mile Brook and into its nearby wetland,” Grossberg states. “This destructive accident, called a frac-out, is common during horizontal directional drilling or HDD. The bentonite mud keeps the

drill head cool, as the drill lays the path for the gas pipeline further underground. Its fine particularity is important for the process but when seepage occurs, it smothers life wherever it lands. On a larger scale it has been known to kill entire shellfish beds.”

There is a group called Columbia Gas Resistance Committee and the Pipeline Awareness Network that have voiced objections to gasline expansions, but the pipeline projects were allowed despite their continued objections.

Grossberg did address comments about the recent incidents to the Agawam City Council on Tuesday evening, but the council does not currently have any power to stop the projects.

Grossberg did state the Agawam Conservation Commission has gotten involved since the two incidents.

“I am frustrated that Tennessee Gas continues to take our environmental resources for granted,” stated Grossberg. “The company committed an egregious violation of environmental protection during the previous 2017 expansion project, dumping 16,500 gallons of contaminated water into a tributary of Worthington Brook. One would think they would take more care this time. But apparently, it’s just business as usual - profits over safety and preservation of a delicate ecosystem.”

Grossberg, in her comments to the city council, encouraged councilors to go witness the damage themselves.

Grossberg filed an amicus brief earlier this year seeking for the Commonwealth to review the project.

## Holyoke Water Customers 2020 Water Main/ System Flushing Program

The Holyoke Water Works will be conducting its annual Water Main/ System Flushing Program beginning September 11th, 2020 and continuing through September 23rd, 2020. Only selected and critical hydrants will be flushed. Not all hydrants will be operated. The areas to be flushed are as follows:

### Friday September 11th to Saturday 12th 2020 - High Service Water System

Flushing to include all streets in Goodyear Park, Kane Rd., Primrose Lane, Knollwood Circle, Meadowbrook Rd/Upland Rd areas. Continue along Meadowbrook Rd. to the southerly end of Vermont St. and along Evergreen Dr. to Bray Park, along Westfield Rd. to Hillside Ave. from Cherry St. to Woods Ave. Included also is the Whiting Farms Rd. area southerly to the West Springfield Line. A section of Riverdale Rd. (in front of the Providence Hospital) south to the city line (including Providence Place) will be flushed at this time. Continue Northerly along Northampton St. (East & West side) from the K-Mart Plaza, including all of Elmwood and Oakdale. Northerly on Beech St. (from Northampton St. to Franklin St.), east on Franklin to Pine St., North on Pine to Appleton St. and from the intersection of Appleton and Beech-north to Mitchel Field. Continue from the Mueller Bridge west back to Northampton, along both sides of Northampton St. and all the Way to Smiths Ferry (including North Pleasant St., Oxford Rd. and Park Slope area, Valley Heights, Mt. Park Access Rd. and Holyoke Country Club, Delaney Restaurant). Hydrants to be flushed in this system are color coded - Red Body with a Silver Top Cap.

**Flushing of water mains on September 11th (Friday) serving the High Service areas will begin at 7:00 PM until approximately 8:00 AM September 12th (Saturday) and or continue until complete.**

### Wednesday September 16th to Friday September 18th 2020 - West Heights Water System

Wednesday flushing to start with the streets from Homestead Ave./ Westfield Rd (Mini-Mall, Soldiers Home) and adjoining streets including Vermont St. to Westfield Rd and Westfield Rd. to Elmwood Heights area. Also Homestead Ave. to Jarvis Ave. and connecting streets to the Loomis Retirement Home area, including Scott Hollow Drive, and tank system streets on the westerly side of Hillside Ave. Flushing continues along Jarvis Ave., northerly to Wyckoff Park area, including Bemis Rd. (and all adjoining streets), Woodmar Glenn, Lindor Heights area, Easthampton Rd. (Log Cabin, Holyoke Rehab Center, Wyckoff Club), and all connecting streets. **A three day flushing period may be necessary** in the event flushing of the entire area cannot be completed in two days. The tank system streets in the areas of Mayer Drive/Charles Hill, Blueberry Hill and upper Whitney Ave (east side of I-91, including Kelly Way) will also be included in the flushing program. Hydrants to be flushed in this system are color coded - Red Body with a Yellow Top Cap.

**Flushing of water mains on September 16th (Wednesday) through September 18th (Friday) servicing the West Heights Tank Systems will be performed during daytime hours, beginning at 7:00 AM until approximately 3:00 PM and continue until complete.**

### Saturday- September 19th, 2020 - Low Service Water System

Flushing to include all streets from Mitchel Field, along Beech St. south to Appleton St. (East side). From the intersection of Appleton St. and Walnut St., south on Walnut St. to Jackson Park Way and the National Guard Armory, including the entire area to Ross Ave. From this section easterly including all streets to the Connecticut River (including 1st & 2nd level canal area). From Main St./391 Interchange, southerly through Springdale and Ingleside areas, to Northampton St. and Main St. intersection. Hydrants to be flushed in this system are colored coded - Red Body with a Red Top Cap.

**Flushing of water mains on September 19th, (Saturday) serving the Low Service areas will be performed during the day time, beginning at 6:00 AM Saturday and continue until complete.**

### Monday-September 21st to Wednesday September 23rd, 2020 - West Holyoke Water System

Flushing to include all streets which comprise the former Pequot and Coronet Homes developments and all adjoining streets along the Apremont Highway, the Rock Valley area and residents along County Rd. **A three day flushing period may be necessary** in the event flushing of the entire area cannot be completed in two days. Hydrants to be flushed in this system are color coded - Red Body with a Silver Top Cap.

**Flushing of water mains on September 21st (Monday) to September 23rd (Wednesday) servicing the West Holyoke Tank Systems will be performed during daytime hours, beginning at 7:00 AM until approximately 3:00 PM and continue until complete.**

Water main flushing is an effective method of improving drinking water quality and is an important component of the department's distribution system maintenance program. Flushing can cause temporary reductions in water pressure and discolored water from increased levels of dissolved iron. According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), discolored water/dissolved iron, may not be aesthetically pleasing but is not a public health threat. In general, Holyoke Water Works customers do not have to take any special precautions. However, some customers, such as hospitals, medical facilities and businesses that use water in their manufacturing or operation process, may want to more closely monitor their water quality and water pressure while the flushing program is underway.

The Holyoke Water Works will make every effort to minimize potential impacts from the flushing program and will closely monitor water quality and pressure. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the Hydrant/Water Main Flushing Program, please contact the dispatch office at 536-0262.

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Guest Column

Schools committed to successful learning

By Erin Linville

A safe and successful school year requires personal responsibility and trust. What keeps you up at night?"

Our new Superintendent recently posed this question to school leaders. What keeps me up at night? What doesn't keep me up? As a district leader, questions from families and staff swirl in my head. How will we respond if a child refuses to wear a mask? What will we do if a child doesn't show up for a virtual class? Have we done enough to improve ventilation and ensure social distancing? How much time will students spend in self-paced learning?

As a mom, my own questions swirl in my head. How well will my 4th grader follow along when she is at home and her teacher is live-streaming her class? Will my 2nd grader keep his mask on during recess? Will his speech therapy services be in-person or virtual?

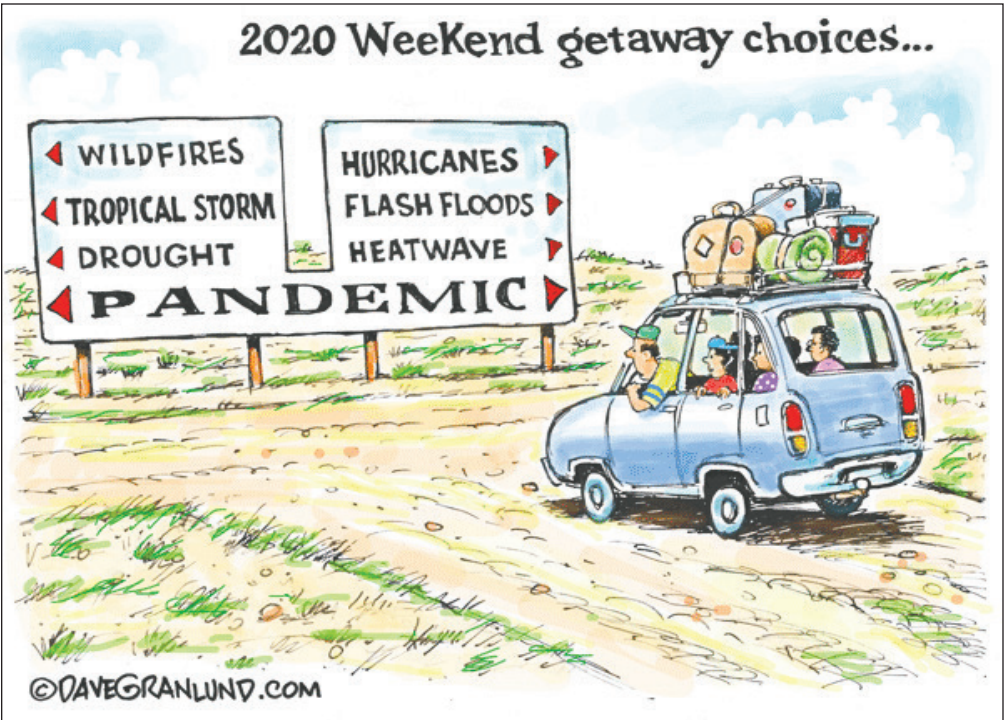
As teachers, school staff, principals, district leaders, parents, family members and students navigate this new way of doing school (either in-person or virtually), I am struck more than ever by the importance of trust and personal responsibility. In a typical year, families trust schools with the awesome responsibility of not only educating their children, but helping shape them into good citizens. This year, parents and students, teachers and principals, elected officials and medical experts are relying on each other to be outstanding citizens. The stakes have never been higher.

In Holyoke Public Schools, we are proactively addressing the personal responsibility component of a successful school year through a pledge for students and parents/guardians and staff policy. We believe it's critical to clearly explain our expectations and then support every person to meet these expectations.

In the virtual environment, teachers commit to adapting their lessons and finding new ways to build positive connections with each student and family. Families pledge to set up a dependable space for their child's learning, as best as they are able. District staff commit to issuing a device and securing internet access for every child. Students must work diligently and resist the urge to mute their math teacher who is explaining how to solve a tough equation. For this to work well, we must trust and help each other.

For students and staff physically returning to school, every person must contribute to a culture of health and safety in the school. Students and staff alike must wear masks/face coverings, wash their hands and practice social distancing. Teachers will need to find new ways to promote strong dialogue and collaboration in and beyond the classroom. Students will need to speak up when they are struggling - and staff need to be ready to step in even when students don't speak up.

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Poetry Corner

A Time Lost

By Thomas J. Kennedy

We have lost the poetic touch;  
In a society that's in a rush.  
We have lost the grateful heart  
Like our young so depressed . . . And apart.  
We have lost the unselfish thought  
While our heroes go aloft.  
We have lost the gentle word  
As more young people are disturbed.  
We have lost fair play and sportsmanship

As the power man growls aggressively.  
We have lost respect and honor  
As our gratitude goes asunder.  
We have lost the human self  
As dignity is crushed by commercial wealth.  
Bring back romance and idealism  
While our youth are still children . . .  
While our youth are still children.

Guest Column

Curing properly secures your harvest

My onions had begun to fall over at least three weeks ago. I have been so busy that I didn't harvest them yet. Do I cure them in the hot sun or in the shade? I've forgotten. Why don't we revisit the significance of curing onions and other vegetables that are typically stored over the winter? If this important step is overlooked, we will likely be disappointed by produce that spoils long before it should have.

Curing not only hardens the outer skin of the vegetable, it also finishes the ripening process of the flesh.

As for my onions, both the hot sun and the shade scenarios were found to be accurate. When three-quarters of the onion tops have fallen over push down the rest and let them sit in the ground a little while longer. Then, unearth the bulbs and lay them, tops and all, on the ground in the sun, turning occasionally. When they turn completely brown cut the stems to one inch and spread them on screens single file in a warm and dry, well-ventilated area to cure further. They can



rest in that location for up to two months, then store at temperatures close to 40 degrees. Store apples, bananas and tomatoes away from onions, as these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout prematurely. Use bulbs that have two centers first, they won't store well. It is interesting to note that the same compound that starts the tears flowing when we cut into onions- sulfur, is also a potent fungicide and bactericide. No wonder they store so well!

Potatoes are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting and toxic greening of the skin and flesh. By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process. Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off

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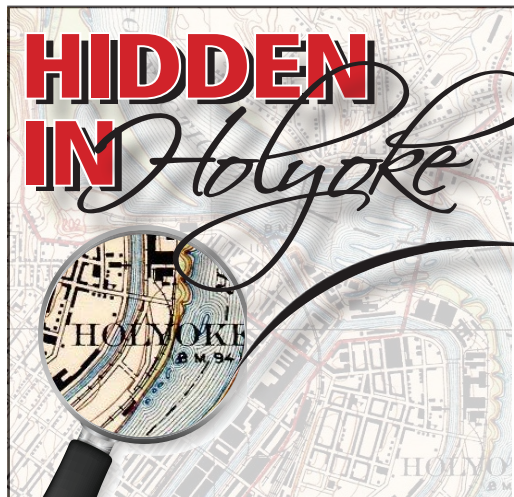
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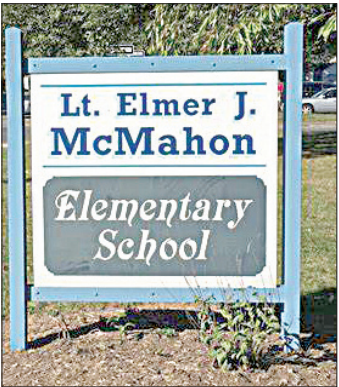
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Last week's "Hidden in Holyoke" was a sign at McMahon School.

Each week, The Holyoke Sun will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city. Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact The Holyoke Sun at 413-283-8398.



New hours/days for happenings at Eastern States Exposition

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Eastern States Exposition announces new hours and days where you can dine, shop, sip and satisfy your sweet tooth.

The Big E Bakery is now open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, plus Labor Day, Sept. 7. Hours are: Friday, noon to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm; and Labor Day, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bakery is also open Sept. 11, noon to 5 p.m. and Sept. 12 and 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bakery window is located in the New England Center where you can order singles, 3-packs and 6-packs for a special occasion, surprise dessert or a tasty treat after work. Skip the wait and pre-order your treats online. Visit [www.thebige.com/](http://www.thebige.com/)

thebigbakery. The Sam Adams Bistro will be closed Labor Day weekend and will re-open Thursday through Saturday beginning Sept. 10, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dates are Sept. 10-12; Sept. 17-19; Sept. 24-26; and Oct. 1-3. Relax and enjoy your favorite Sam Adams brews paired with a menu of appetizers, burgers, pizzas, salads and more. For full menus and more, visit [www.thebige.com/samadamsbistro](http://www.thebige.com/samadamsbistro).

Storowton Tavern, just steps away from the Village Green, is open for indoor and outdoor dining. Their hours remain the same for lunch and dinner: Tuesday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.;

with Sunday BBQ Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner service from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Tavern will be closed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7 for the Labor Day holiday. For full menus, cocktail hour information, and patio music lineup, visit [www.storowton.com](http://www.storowton.com).

Storowton Village Museum & Gift Shop

Storowton Village Museum will be open for ticketed ghost tours and a variety of themed tours through October. The newly remodeled Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House, is filled with handpicked items for home, garden, fashion, kids, and more. There are sections for New England-made maple products, hand-

forged blacksmith items, gifts like “The Big E Book,” the Eastern States Exposition Centennial history book, and official Big E tartan products that include clutches, coin purses, tissue holders and keychain wristlets. The Gift Shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more at [www.storowtonvillage.com](http://www.storowtonvillage.com).

How to get there: Drive onto the grounds at Gate 1 (closest to the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge) and you will be directed to your destination.

For more information on Eastern States Exposition and its events and activities, visit [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com), join our mailing list and connect with us on social media.

Library celebrates women voting

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke library has installed a poster exhibit called “Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence” which is available for all to see on the front windows of the library facing Chestnut St.

This exhibit outlines the more than 80-year struggle for women to obtain the right to vote as part of the larger struggle for equality that continued through the 1965 Civil Rights Act and arguably lingers today.

The presentation is divided chronologically and thematically to address

“Radical Women: 1832–1869,” “Women Activists: 1870–1892,” “The New Woman: 1893–1912,” “Compelling Tactics: 1913–1916,” “Militancy in the American Suffragist Movement: 1917–1919” and “The Nineteenth Amendment and Its Legacy.”

Each poster includes a chronological narrative of visual biographies of some of the movement’s most influential leaders.

The exhibition was generously given to the library by the Smithsonian Institute.

To see the exhibit online go to: <https://npg.si.edu/exhibition/votes-for-women>

or Smithsonian slideshow <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/2AKyZX3r7pZoJA>

For more information about : Women’s history <https://womenshistory.si.edu/>

As we look back at the long struggle for Women’s voting rights, let’s all do our part to participate and take advantage of our rights in the coming elections both locally and nationally.

See these links for info on voting in Holyoke.

REGISTER TO VOTE Online: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/> Info for Holyoke Voters <https://www.holyoke.org/voters-how-to-register/>

HPL offering resources for remote learning

HOLYOKE – With COVID-19, public libraries are stepping up and provide parents, children and teachers valuable resources as they navigate remote learning. More than ever, this pandemic is showing how important libraries are to make sure everyone has equitable access to online resources.

With school starting soon with most classes being online, the Holyoke Public Library has added three new online resources to assist in the learning and teaching.

Erasing the line between homework support and fun exploration, The World Almanac for Kids includes exclusive online-only material as well as content from award-winning The World Almanac®, Chelsea House, and Facts On File sets and series. Each topic area provides resources for homework, reports, and projects, and kids—including home-schoolers—can explore age-appropriate subjects while developing online research skills with a trusted content source.

The Mailbox® School & District is packed with 52,000+ fun and engaging ideas, activities, and worksheets that help inspire imaginations. All of the activities

and ideas in The Mailbox® School & District are educationally sound, practical, easy to use, error-free, and child-centered and teach essential skills.

The Just for Kids Streaming Collection for public libraries gives children—and their parents—a thoroughly kid-safe, advertisement-free media platform they can freely explore and enjoy. Just for Kids has the educational videos children want to watch—Sesame Street, The Electric Company, The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss, The Berenstain Bears, Franklin, and thousands more—plus songs, games, and other interactives that are sure to entertain, educate, and inspire young patrons. Plus, the collection is ideal for librarians hosting a video storytelling hour, homework help for students, or resources for remote learning that they can access anywhere, anytime.

We are putting library books and audio-visuals into your hands through curbside service. Check our website for details.

For more information email to [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org), or call 413-313-5050 Monday-Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55 to 60 degrees. Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

I harvested my garlic three or four weeks ago; the signal was that one third of its foliage has withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, protected spot up off of the ground. Soon I’ll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for

the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags, slatted trays or other methods. Softneck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding. In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

LEARNING, from page 4

Once again, we must trust and help each other.

Most importantly, every person must stay home if sick, when displaying COVID-19 symptoms or if exposed to the virus. We must stay home, even though it will be hard. Work will be missed. Schedules must be arranged. Virtual learning and zoom conference calls will still continue when the baby refuses a nap.

In my lifetime, there has never been a time more important than now - for us to not only think about ourselves as individuals, but to recognize and pay credence to the role of an individual as part of the whole. Every individual - student, parent, guardian, teacher, nurse, custodian, bus driver, food ser-

vice worker, community leader, coach, neighbor - plays an absolutely crucial role in keeping the entire community as safe as possible and working together to ensure that all children, especially those who are most vulnerable, receive a high-quality education.

Imagine how much better you would sleep each night if you fully trusted your entire community to make the commitments required to ensure all students and staff have a healthy and productive school year. I will personally sleep better each night knowing that I pledge to do my part - as a mom, as a school district employee and as a citizen. Can I call on you to do the same?

Erin Linville is the Chief of Strategy and Turnaround of the Holyoke Public Schools; she and her husband work full-time and are the parents of three young children.

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- 5. Central Dravidian language
- 10. Split pulses in Indian cooking
- 14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
- 15. Well known constellation
- 16. About aviation
- 17. Bowfin genus
- 18. Proper
- 19. Expression of annoyance
- 20. Cabbies
- 22. Bro or sis
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 24. Where football coaches work
- 27. Old TV part
- 30. A way to color
- 31. Touch lightly
- 32. Surround
- 35. Breached
- 37. Aristocratic young woman
- 38. Dry ravine
- 39. Hebrew measurement units

- 40. Supporter
  - 41. Type of sword
  - 42. Influential Irish playwright
  - 43. Witch
  - 44. Flower cluster
  - 45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
  - 46. Psychedelic amphetamine
  - 47. Actors' group
  - 48. Cool!
  - 49. Salts
  - 52. Group of SE China
  - 55. Illuminated
  - 56. Semitic Sun god
  - 60. Water (Spanish)
  - 61. Employed
  - 63. Japanese ankle sock
  - 64. Fishing fly
  - 65. Some pheasants are this
  - 66. Literary name for Ireland
  - 67. Must have
  - 68. A way to write
  - 69. One point east of southeast
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. American state
  - 2. Hindu model of ideal man
  - 3. Type of acid
  - 4. Drenches
  - 5. “The Raven” writer
  - 6. Emerged
  - 7. Alpha Centauri: \_\_ Centaurus
  - 8. Democratic Presidential candidate
  - 9. Hostelry
  - 10. Fathers
  - 11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
  - 12. Member of a Semitic people
  - 13. Lesotho monetary unit
  - 21. Lots
  - 23. Jewish address corresponding to “Sir”
  - 25. Male parent
  - 26. A way to get
  - 27. Body part
  - 28. Seam in an organ
  - 29. Landlocked African country
  - 32. Process for producing ammonia

- 33. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 34. Bugged down
- 36. Native American tribe
- 37. Unfashionable person
- 38. Female grunts
- 40. Well known
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Norse mythological site
- 44. Tell on
- 46. \_\_ Farrow, actress
- 47. Cotton fabric
- 49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
- 50. Clouds
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
- 53. Phil \_\_, former CIA
- 54. Japanese seaport
- 57. Female horse or zebra
- 58. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 59. Trigonometric function
- 61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
- 62. Insecticide

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# STCC offers high school equivalency class with medical science focus

SPRINGFIELD – For the first time, Springfield Technical Community College this fall will offer a course that helps students get their high school equivalency diploma while introducing them to the field of medical science.

Offered through the Springfield Adult Learning Center at STCC, the class, called HiSET to Medical Sciences, prepares students for the high school equivalency test. At the same time, students will learn medical terminology. The class will be offered in three sessions this year with the first beginning Sept. 23. To apply, visit the Adult Basic Education page on the STCC web-site, stcc.edu.



A HiSet test is now being offered at Springfield Technical Community College with a medical science focus to get students into the field.

Submitted photo

Katrina Doolittle, director of the Learning Center, said HiSET to Medical Sciences might spark interest in a health care career or inspire students to continue taking college classes after earning a high school equivalency diploma.

STCC offers an associate degree in health science, which provides the opportunity to explore specialty areas for a career in health care. The college also offers a number of specialized health programs such as diagnostic medical sonography, dental hygiene, and nursing, among others.

“Our HiSET to Medical Sciences class will give an introduction to medical science and help students get on the same level as those who are entering health science programs at STCC,” Doolittle said. “They will be prepared when they take their next step and enroll at STCC. This is a terrific option for students who are highly motivated but don’t have their HiSET yet. I’m really excited about it.”

The Springfield Adult Learning Center is offering the new class in response to workforce demands, said Assistant Vice President of Workforce Development David Buonora.

“Health care is a key workforce area in Western Massachusetts, and the college remains committed to responding to the needs of the region’s employers,” Buonora said. “We know that career opportunities in the health care sector will continue to grow over the next several years. We’re focused on finding new ways to

prepare students for these careers.”

The class, which is free for eligible students, will be taught online. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, STCC will offer online classes with a mix of on-campus, low-density labs.

The Learning Center at STCC offers a number of other HiSET/GED options:

- Preparation for the High School Equivalency Test Classes (HiSET/GED)
- Technology Classes (Technology, Digital Literacy and Computer Use)
- College and Career Workshops (Advising and Workforce Readiness Preparation)
- Financial Literacy (explore finances, budgeting and investing while in a HiSET Class)
- Book Club (improve your reading skills while reading in small groups)

To apply or find out more information, visit stcc.edu/explore/communityed/adult-learning. For questions, email SALC@stcc.edu or call 413-755-4300.

About Springfield Technical Community College  
Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state.

For more information about STCC, visit www.stcc.edu.

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## Dance parties scheduled to introduce girls to Girl Scouts

HOLYOKE/WORCESTER – Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts is hosting free animal dance parties to introduce girls in kindergarten through fourth grade to the world of Girl Scouts. Girls might imagine themselves as a bird, a bug, or an elephant as they learn about animals and move their bodies. It’s a free and fun way for girls and their families to get to know Girl Scouts.

Parents or caregivers can choose an in-person date at one of four Girl Scout camps or either Girl Scout Leadership Center or any one of six virtual parties that is convenient for them. In-person events will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols including face coverings and social distancing.

While girls enjoy the party, parents and caregivers get to know the Girl Scout program and how it can supercharge a girl’s life. Find more information and RSVP online or call 413-584-2602 or 508-365-0115 with questions.

- Virtual animal dance parties, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22
  - Thursday, Oct. 1
  - Wednesday, Oct. 7
  - Tuesday, Oct. 13
  - Tuesday, Oct. 20
  - Tuesday, Oct. 27
- In-person animal dance parties
- Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. all locations
  - Camp Bonnie Brae, Otis: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
  - Camp Lewis Perkins, South Hadley: Oct. 10
  - Camp Laurel Wood, Spencer: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
  - Camp Green Eyrie, Harvard: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
  - Worcester Leadership Center–Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
  - Holyoke Leadership Center- Sept. 26 and Oct. 24

To join or volunteer, visit [www.gscwm.org](http://www.gscwm.org).  
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves over 7,000 girls in kindergarten through 12th grade with the strong support of 3,800 adult members in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. Girl Scouts’ mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Since 1912, girls have explored new fields of knowledge, learned valuable skills and developed strong core values through Girl Scouts. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.



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## Most schools opting to play with modified rules

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – The “returns” are still early and many more schools will need to vote, but it appears most of the schools in Western Massachusetts are planning to return to action when fall sports are allowed to begin practicing on Sept. 18.

Schedules have yet to be created and finalized for the abbreviated “Fall 1” season, but most schools and their respective school committee have agreed that allowing students to return to their respective fields is good for a possible return to “somewhat” normalcy.

As of Labor Day, Belchertown, Holyoke, Ludlow, Minnechaug Regional, Monson, North Brookfield, Quabbin Regional, South Hadley, and Ware have confirmed they will be participating in the Fall 1 season.

This means, these schools will field teams in the following sports: boys soccer, girls soccer, field hockey, golf, cross country, and girls volleyball.

In order to be able to participate in these sports, the schools will need to follow a slew of guidelines that have been issued by the state.

There are new sport specific rules, which are subject to change as the schools navigate through the next couple

of months, but all sports will have to follow a set of standard guidance which are related to areas such as social distancing, not sharing equipment, entering and exiting fields, the roles of officials, avoiding contact such as shaking hands, high-fiving, or other types of contact between teammates. There will be no post-game handshakes for the time being and officials are ordered to enter and leave the field, and do not have to sign game forms.

More school committees will be holding votes during the next week following the Labor Day holiday and schools will need to inform their respective leagues within the PVIAC whether or not they will be participating so schedules for the fall season can be developed and finalized.

It is unclear exactly how many games will be played in each individual sport. Soccer and field hockey normally play 16-18 games, and could fit almost that many with no playoffs.

The MIAA will not sponsor any playoffs, however, depending on how things go, the PVIAC could develop playoffs within leagues. Teams are supposed to be playing in a close geographic range, which will make travel from areas like

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## NEW SEASON, DIFFERENT RULES



Clockwise from top left, Head balls will be banned for this fall. Players will have to avoid contact like this under revised rules for soccer this fall. Corner kicks will not be a part of soccer this fall due to the avoidance of head balls that result from the kicks. Throw-ins will be taken away, and a free kick or pass will be the method used to bring the ball back in play.

File photos

## Brian Robie scores big in Sept. 5 Modified twin bill at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified top gun Brian Robie had a huge night Saturday, Sept. 5, at Monadnock Speedway.

The Sunapee, N.H. hot shoe scored both a win and a runner-up finish in a pair of NHSTRA Battle for The Cup 35-lappers, to open a huge lead in the weekly racing series Modified point standings while, at the same time gaining breath-

ing room over number two Cup points man Matt Kimball in the Battler for the Cup Standings. .

Kimball also had a good night, leading 55 laps of the combined events, and topping the nightcap for his second Modified victory in the last two weeks. If not for being spun out of the lead in the first go-round, the second-generation Bennington, N.H. star might

easily have swept Saturday's twinbill.

In other feature racing Saturday, Superman Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) stormed to his track-high tenth victory of the summer, while Pure Stocker Matt Lambert (Ashuelot, NH) earned his first 2020 victory lap. Mini Stock mighty man Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) rocketed to win number six. The

Street Stock division was not active Saturday.

In the first NHSTRA Modified feature, Kimball and Robie sat on row one, the fastest pair of the 20 starters aligned by time trial results. Kimball, with Todd Patnode rocketing to his back bumper, took immediate control.

Kimball set a fast pace the first 21 laps, with Robie then

using the low groove to take the lead. Two laps later, with plenty of help from behind, Kimball spun out of second.

Trevor Bleau then briefly moved up to the deuce, but that was as good as things would get for the Troy, N.H. speedster when he was slowed by mechanical failure. When the checkers waved, it was steady Brian Chapin following Robie across the finish line, with Scott MacMichael coming from row four to finish third.

The Modified nightcap was an often brutal event, slowed by no fewer than seven caution and one red-flag delays. What was certain at the end was that Matt Kimball, from row two, had led all but the first lap, brining his refuse-to-lose attitude to this one and scoring his second win of the year. Robie, from 14th, was second.

Modified rookie Solomon



Brian Robie takes the win in the main modified race.

Submitted photos



Aaron Fellows was the big winner in the late model sportsman event.

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# MIAA makes statement on the fall season

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) COVID-19 Task Force met virtually on August 27, 2020 to review and approve sport modifications for the fall 2020 sport season. The MIAA Board of Directors approved, at their August 19, 2020 meeting, the formal athletic structure for 2020-2021 season, as well as additional Educational Athletic recommendations provided by the Task Force.

These recommendations were developed after months of meetings, discussions, research and collaboration with Massachusetts Governing entities.

MIAA President and Marshfield Superintendent Jeffrey Granatino stated, “It’s exciting that student-athletes and coaches from across the Commonwealth are finally able to pre-

pare for an actual athletic season. The work that the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force and our individual sports committees put forth will allow for these sports to take place in a fashion that adheres to the safety precautions/modifications that have been recommended by the EEA.”

The MIAA fall season will officially begin on September 18, 2020. The following activities were approved by the Board of Directors for the Fall I season: Soccer, Fall Gymnastics, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Swim & Dive, Golf and Dance.

Following this structural approval, individual MIAA sport committee representatives established sport modifications in alignment with guidelines from the Executive Office of

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the MIAA. These modifications were vetted through the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC), which includes two epidemiologists who worked with both the EEA and DESE, over a series of three virtual meetings.

The MIAA Task Force unanimously approved all modifications as presented for Fall I Season during yesterday’s sub-committee meeting (8/27/20). These modifications will continue to be reviewed as they relate to current regulations surrounding COVID-19 and may be modified if necessary.

MIAA President Granatino continued, “There’s still a great deal of work

to do, but the efforts made to date have been amazing and are why we are now able to provide our students with an opportunity to take part in activities that they love and miss dearly.”

All participating MIAA member schools are expected to adhere to these sport modifications.

MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine added, “On behalf of the membership, I enthusiastically advance pride and gratitude to MIAA Task Force members, the MIAA Sports Medicine and sport committee representatives for their valuable contributions in providing a blueprint for MIAA student athletes to participate in educational athletics this fall season. Stakeholders’ participation, guidance and collaboration with DESE and EEA warrant like appreciation.”

## Basketball Hall to have first colorized minted coins

SPRINGFIELD – In August 2020, the U.S. Mint releases its first colorized coins as part of the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program. The program recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame with curved coins in gold, silver, and clad. A limited number of silver proof and clad uncirculated coins are colorized on the reverse side. The silver coin features a colored net, rim, and channels on the basketball. The clad coin colorizes the entire basketball as well as the net and rim.

Colorizing coins appeared in the early 1990s by nations such as Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, and Palau. Now many countries around the world make colorized coins. Canada and Australia are large producers of these coins and develop many innovative techniques for applying color. The Royal Canadian Mint was the first to produce a colorized circulating coin, the 25-cent coin, in 2004.

Coins are colorized by methods such as applying a “sticker” to the surface, adding ink or paint through a computerized “printing” process, or enameling by filling recessed areas with paint. The

U.S. Mint used a third-party to colorize the Basketball commemorative coins using an automated process.

The Basketball Hall of Fame Colorized Silver Coin features a white net, dark orange rim, and black channels on the basketball. Channels are the seams that go around the ball. Limiting the color on the ball to the channels retains the look of the silver and texture of the basketball.

The clad colorized coin features an orange basketball with black channels, white net, and dark orange rim. Applying color to the whole basketball enhances the curvature of the coin and gives it a three-dimensional effect. The colors of the net and rim enhance the effect. The orange color of the basketball matches the hue associated with the sport.

In addition to the colorized silver and clad coins, the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program includes gold, silver, and clad coins without color in proof and uncirculated finishes. All the coins in the program share the same obverse and reverse designs that celebrate the sport of basketball and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Bay State games launches 32nd year of Future Leaders Scholarship

REGION – The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This marks the thirty-second year of this valuable scholarship program that recognizes the leaders of tomorrow who excel in academics, community service, and athletics.

The scholarship program is available to any Massachusetts High School student in the class of 2021. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Games, participation in the Bay State Games is not required but is recommended. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants.

“Bay State Games is proud to provide valuable college scholarships to student-athletes representing high schools and communities from across Massachusetts,” said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our traditional spring timeframe for this scholarship, we have

moved the process to the fall to ensure that students in the class of 2021 will still have access to this opportunity. I encourage all former Bay State Games Summer and Winter Games participants currently entering their senior year of high school to apply.”

Candidates must submit their application information online by October 15, 2020. The selection process will begin with a review of each student’s application, written recommendations, and transcripts. A number of students will then be selected for virtual interviews which will be conducted the week of November 9. At the conclusion of interviews, six statewide scholarship winners will be announced.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at [www.bay-stategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship](http://www.bay-stategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship).

For questions, email [info@bay-stategames.org](mailto:info@bay-stategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

## Tri-County to hold golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, will hold its annual golf tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per player. If you’re unable to play, there are donations and hole sponsorships available. The tournament will include lunch during the round, raffle, closest to the pin, longest drive, and a special 50/50 drawing. For more information, go to [www.tri-countybaseball.net](http://www.tri-countybaseball.net). The registration form is on that website.

### ***RULES**, from page 7*

the Berkshires somewhat difficult in a tournament situation.

As of press time, only Southwick Regional School has publicly reported it will not participate in the Fall 1 season. If it allows fall sports in the Fall 2 season in February, the school could have trouble finding other schools to play by not participating in the Fall 1 season.

### ***RACING**, from page 7*

Brow walked away from a bone-crunching crash into the backchute wall on lap 18. Trevor Bleau, who’d grenaded to 18th in the first go-round, sat out the nightcap, falling from third in the late-season point standings deep into the top ten.

Aaron Fellows went low under lappers on the ninth circuit of the Late Model Sportsman feature and then checked out on the 13-car field to win for the tenth time in eleven outings.

At 41, Fellows has been winning races for a quarter century. Saturday’s runner-up, teen Camdyn Curtis, doesn’t even have a driver’s license yet. Still, though, the Baltimore, VT. young gun had everyone but Fellows covered, out-running cagey veteran Robert Hagar to earn the second-place trophy.

Mini Stock points leader Gordon Farnum made easy work of scoring his sixth win of 2020. Taking the lead on lap eight, the Fitzwilliam Flyer outran Kevin Cormier to the checkers, with number two points man Nathan Wenzel third.

The Pure Stock feature was a battle of two up-and-coming drivers each bidding for his first win of the season. Bruce Clark led the first 21 go-rounds, with Matt Lambert, who’d ridden in his shadow all the way, then taking over from the top groove and dashing away to victory.

Chris Davis, looking for his fourth win of the season, got up for second, with Jimmy Zellman third, Clark fourth, and points leader Mike Douglas fifth, ending the night’s action 36 points ahead of Davis, the defending Pure Stock champion.

Doug Meservey Jr. led all the way in the Pro-4 Modified 30-lapper. Randy Cabral was second under the checkers, with Al Reiser topping the Pro-4 Lites class.

In Senior Tour Auto Racing events, Richard Eastman of Merrick, Mass. topped the STAR Sportsman 15-lapper aboard a Pinto. Curt Snow, of West Warren, Mass., got the job done in the STAR Modifieds with his 1936 Chevy Coupe.

With only three scheduled racing events remaining in its exciting 2020 season, Monadnock Speedway will return to action next Saturday, September 12. For more information, please visit [www.monadnockspeedway.com](http://www.monadnockspeedway.com).

### **MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 5 TOP TENS:**

NHSTRA Modified Feature 1 Results: Brian Robie, Brian Chapin, Scott MacMichael, Stewart McCormack, Ben Byrne, Alyssa Rivera, Russ Hersey, Kim Rivet, Jason Houle, Chris Riendeau, Matt Kimball, Todd Patnode, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Cameron Houle,

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Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Camdyn Curtis, Robert Hagar, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Will Kuhn, Dan Comeau, Ronald Laperche, Scott Beck, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Chris Ballas, Matt Winter, Chris Jackson

Mini Stock Results: Gordon Farnum, Kevin Cormier, Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselin, Kevin McKnight Jr, Tim Leblanc, Joshua Hubbard, Kevin Russell, Erin Aiken, Jake Puchalski, Jeff Heath, Dave Pratt, Adam Sprague, Shelby Avery, Louis Maher , Eric Banks, DNQ - Nadine Coates, DNQ - Tyson Payne

Pure Stock Results: Matt Lambert, Chris Davis, Jimmy Zellman, Bruce Clark, Mike Douglas, Damon Roy, Randy Phillips, Nick Houle, Jason Leray, CJ Johnson, Doug Nelson, Cory Lofland, JD Stockwell, Reagan Buffum, Ben Sylvester, Steve Zebrowski, Brandon Lavoie.



GRANTS, from page 1

“These grants come at a very important time as childcare programs reopen and adjust to new guidelines instituted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Kimm Quinlan, director of HCC’s Early Childhood Grant Initiatives.

HCC is the lead agent on a six-month Career Pathways Grant that will allow the college to continue its free Childhood Development Associate Plus (CDA-Plus) certificate program. The program was created to help early childhood educators already working in the field attain their national CDA credential or enhance their certification level and is offered at no cost to participants.

Greenfield Community College and Berkshire Community College are HCC’s partners in the western Mass. consortium. The three colleges each have their own CDA-Plus programs and collaborate on implementation and support.

“The \$680,000 is a six-month allocation for the three colleges in the consortium,” Quinlan said. “We’re hoping to get an additional \$680,000 for the following six months.”

HCC launched its CDA-Plus program in 2019 after an initial, year-long grant of \$2 million to the consortium from the EEC. Students who complete the program are awarded a CDA-Plus

certificate and can apply the credits they earn toward an associate degree in Early Childhood Education from HCC.

The two-semester course of study includes four, sequential, seven-week courses in subjects such as childhood behavior and development, early childhood programs, and health, safety and nutrition. The grant covers all tuition, fees, and books, and also pays for a \$425 CDA credentialing fee, and includes a stipend of about \$500 for unexpected costs.

HCC graduated its first class of CDA-Plus students in June. A second group started in January 2020 and will complete their program in November. The new funding will pay for a third class set to begin their studies this month.

All the classes were originally designed as hybrid courses, with both online and face-to-face components, but shifted to completely remote in mid-March due to the pandemic.

“All of our students are supposed to be working in the field, and they all found themselves NOT working in the field very quickly, so it has been quite a transition for them,” Quinlan said. “Some of them have gone back to work. Some of their programs did not reopen. Some of them will be going back to work very soon and there were some whose businesses did continue to operate as emergency childcare facilities for essential



Kimm Quinlan, director of HCC’s Early Childhood Grant Initiatives, delivers a textbook to Jessica Bermudez of Springfield, a student in HCC’s CDA-Plus program, soon after all HCC classes went remote back in March.

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workers.”

The second grant, called the Strong Start Training and Technical Assistance Grant, is worth \$360,000. An initial award in 2019 established HCC as the EEC’s professional development center for western Massachusetts.

Last year, HCC, working with UMass Boston as the lead agent, offered a series of workshops on and off campus to provide training, coaching and technical assistance to early childhood pro-

grams. This time the program was completely revamped due to the pandemic.

“Instead of doing universal trainings, our work this year is focused on supporting programs that are going through the reopening process,” Quinlan said. “So, our focus this year is to help them reopen and then to help them successfully implement the new guidelines related to COVID-19.”

For more information or to enroll, please visit [hcc.edu/eec](http://hcc.edu/eec).



A look at some of Jenna's Blessing Bags.

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“Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

The public is invited to participate in a drive through collection from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Members of St. Peter’s will be outside collecting school supplies for the children of the women who are incarcerated at the Chicopee Women’s Prison. St. Peter’s is working in conjunc-

tion with St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Holyoke. Items needed are pencils, erasers, paper, crayons, markers and colored pencils. You can enter the parking lot from the upper entrance, proceed to the front entrance, pop your trunk or open a back window and an Outreach team member will collect your donation. And you’ll get a nice hello from the top half of a friendly face.

Inside the church, other volunteers will be filling “Jenna’s Blessing’s Bags” which are filled with necessities to be given out to the homeless population in Holyoke. The church is located at 34 Jarvis Avenue. Please remember to wear a mask.

PLANNING, from page 1

Kelley and other Planning Board members expressed that they would like to visit the many sites, and possibly do walk through’s to further understand the plans for the second phase. For the three of the sites, special permits were requested for parking reduction. Those working on the site plans noticed that they had to provided two spots for each unit and they have more room than they need.

Special permits were also requested by Plumbers and Pipefitters for an increase in pylon signs and replacement of a sign on the facade of the building. A representative explained that the sign size will be well within size limits and that the just need to replace to light up signs on the facade, though the discussion is open until Sept. 22 at their next meeting.

The Board was going to speak about one year project updates with Amazon,

however the Board found out that it’s being managed by a different person. Jeff Burkott explained that he had tried to get in contact with the new manager with no success, he will continue to try to connect with them to speak about the stance of the business.

The Planning board additionally discussed possible zone changes, members said that various areas need to be re-zoned and that they need to look at their current BH zones and see if they need to be changed or if there are some BH zones that need to be added. The Board members agreed that they should look at all zones and prepare a plan for all zones rather than just one, and they can focus on one zone at a time once they’ve seen an overview of all they need to do. The Planning Board decided to speak more on this and possibly create a project for it, which they will discuss next meeting as they set aside 20 minutes to discuss the zones further.

WISTARIAHURST, from page 1

kick off on Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. with Derry Memories, an author talk and conversation with locally-based historian Margo Shea, focused on her newly released book “Derry City: Memory and Political Struggle in Northern Ireland.”

With this program, participants will be able to engage with members of their local community and stimulate their intellectual curiosity, free of charge.

The program series is open to all members of the public, but has been specially designed to address the needs of area seniors, many of whom continue to be socially isolated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (Massachusetts Safer-at-Home order continues to advise those over 65 and with vulnerabilities to “to stay home except for essential errands”).

In an effort to mitigate the high levels of loneliness and low levels of cognitive and social stimulation that many are facing, Wistariahurst is launching this series to provide positive engagement, learning and stimulation during this time. A growing field of research has shown that history programming, in particular, is linked to positive health benefits for those at risk for dementia and memory loss.

“Working with our city colleagues, we were able to identify a way for us to play a role in the public health efforts that are keeping residents in Holyoke and beyond safe during these challenging times,” Wistariahurst Curator and Holyoke City Historian, Penni Martorell said. “Social isolation carries documented risks for cognitive decline and memory loss for people of all ages, especially seniors. This series features authors, scholars, storytellers and performers offering discussions on a wide range of topics. The sessions can provide a weekly check-in space to learn,

tell stories, be challenged, and hear from others.”

The program is supported through a Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 Grant to address, prevent and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that is administered through the Holyoke Office of Community Development. The programs are being planned in consultation with the Holyoke Council on Aging, who received similar funding to provide Holyoke seniors with Chromebooks and training.

The weekly programs will focus on a diverse range of historical and cultural topics including programs on nature, art, history, travel and social justice. Upcoming presentations are set to include the natural history of the Pioneer Valley, the labor movement and women’s organizing in local factories, and the history of Holyoke’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

The first lecture of the series, Derry Memories, will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. Facilitated by Wistariahurst staff and hosted by Salem State University assistant professor of history, Margo Shea, the talk will center the very idea of memory and history. Shea will explore Derry during the decades before the Troubles to show how people, without much in the way of financial resources or political power, made their mark and held their own by drawing on the past. According to Shea’s recently published research, expressions of memory did much more than simply explain the past in Derry, they also illuminated a way forward.

To register for Derry Memories or any future programs, please visit [www.wistariahurst.org](http://www.wistariahurst.org) or contact Eileen Maginnis at the Holyoke Council on Aging at [maginnise@holyokey.org](mailto:maginnise@holyokey.org). If you have an idea for a topic you’d like to be considered for a future Wistariahurst session, please contact [info@wistariahurst.org](mailto:info@wistariahurst.org).

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getting practices and drills started for the upcoming season, the city is holding field hockey and soccer but will not be holding football. The commission is

trying to follow the high schools lead as they do sports as well. For people that want to sign up for city sports they can visit the Holyoke Youth Soccer website; and for more help, information, or questions people can contact the Parks and Recreation for help.

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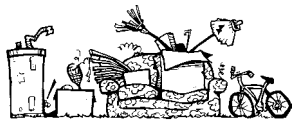
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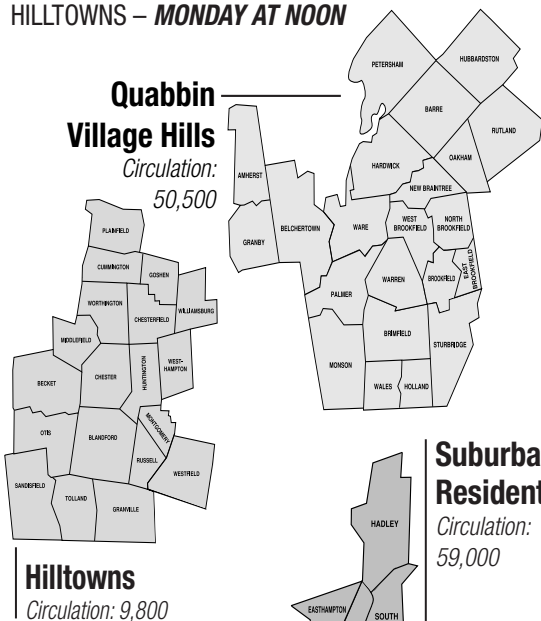
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
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(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD20P1487EA  
Estate of:  
Margaret Prudence Dudley  
Also Known As:  
Margaret P. Dudley,  
Margaret Prudence (Huddle)  
Dudley  
Date of Death:  
04/23/2020  
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Catherine R Schuetz** of Braselton, GA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Catherine R Schuetz** of Braselton, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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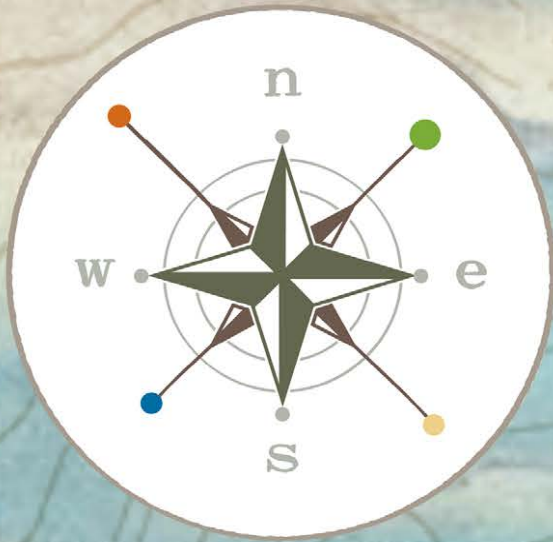
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